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Block Quotes

Saturday, January 27, 2007

-- Under the title "American must Reconsider its Calculations in Iraq" Liberal Saud Al-Samaka contended in progressive Arabic daily Al-Qabas (01/27):

"The current tensions and warnings of having several fires ignite throughout the Middle East are all caused by the American administration's miscalculations beginning with Iraq to Lebanon and Palestine."

-- Under the title "Climate of War" Jaber Mohamed Al-Hajiri stated in progressive Arabic daily Al-Qabas (01/27):

"The United States is currently in a state of frantic tension as a result of the painful blows being suffered by its military in Iraq at the hands of Saddam's supporters as well as others. Washington blames the entire situation on Iran and Syria."

-- In progressive Arabic daily Al-Qabas and under the title "They Want Open Talks" Mohammed Musaed Al-Saleh editorialized (01/27):

"It is in Iran's interest to support Hezbollah because through its control of Southern Lebanon and Southern Iraq it wants to resolve its issues with America on top of which is the economic embargo and allowing it to continue with its nuclear program. This means that the battles in Lebanon, burning of tires and blocking of roads, have been geared to serve the interests of Iran and Syria to resolve their problems with America and Israel."

-- Dr. Ahmad Al-Rubei penned in progressive Arabic daily Al-Qabas under the title "Iran, the Humility Crisis" (01/27):

"The current Iranian leadership has a terminal disease, the idea that Iran is a great power. They have also made the strategic mistake of thinking launching missiles during military manoeuvres wins it the war against adversaries that are more powerful and more technologically advanced. The problem with the Iranian leadership is that it does not want to learn from history, nor does it want to realize the danger of the geography."

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